

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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### **BACKGROUND**

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### **SUMMARY**

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### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

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The frame-shaped fixing layer 20 is used to secure another frame-shaped element 24 which is to form the side walls of the test chamber 31 and which consists of a liquid-impermeable foam plastic material 25. Since this frame-shaped element of foam plastic material is to be sealed against the skin to which the epicutaneous test plaster is applied, the free upper side of this frame-shaped element is provided with an adhesive layer 26 of a medical type. The thickness of this frame-shaped element determines the depth of the test chamber 31. About 1 mm has been found to be a suitable thickness. A particularly preferred material to form this layer can be obtained from Avery Dennison Corporation, Specialty Tape Division, Belgium under the designation Med 5666R Wetstick<sup>TM</sup>. This material is a single-coated polyethylene foam layer with a thickness of about 1 mm and with a medical adhesive layer 26 on its side directed outwards.

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The finishing layer is a cover layer 27. The cover layer may consist of a normal paper liner 29 with a release layer 30 on its side facing the adhesive layers 12 and 26. The cover layer has in this case advantageously openings 28 opposite to the test chambers, so that the

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medical staff just before use can load the test plaster with the allergen materials which are to be tested on the patient.